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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of April 25, 2002, the Board of Regents took the following action:

Conditional approval is granted for the proposed A.A.S. degree in Safety and Hazardous Materials Technology (CIP Code 43.9999) at Southern University-Shreveport, effective immediately, with the stipulation that by August 1, 2002 and on that date two years thereafter, the University shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education addressing areas of concern identified by the staff as follows:

- 1. Number and qualifications of faculty;**
- 2. Adequacy of facilities and equipment; and**
- 3. Adequacy of library resources.**

Subsequently, at its meeting of January 23, 2003, the Regents considered the first progress report from SUS relative to the above and concluded that while the program had made a good start, resource issues could be a future concern, given that a full contingent of students had yet to enroll. Consequently, the Regents acted as follows:

The Board of Regents receives the Progress Report from Southern University at Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in Safety and Hazardous Materials Technology. The next progress report shall be due January 1, 2004.

Summarized below are the results from the second progress report, submitted September 23, 2004.

STAFF ANALYSIS

1. Students

Enrollment in the program has doubled from ten students in AY 2002-2003 to 21 students in AY 2003-2004. Two students graduated in AY 2002-2003; three in AY 2003-2004. Considerably more (13) are expected to graduate in AY 2004-2005.

2. Faculty

The program employs four appropriately-qualified full-time faculty.

3. Facilities and Equipment

There are adequate facilities/equipment to serve the needs of current and anticipated numbers of students in the near future.

4. Library Resources

There are adequate library resources to serve the needs of current and anticipated numbers of students in the near future.

STAFF SUMMARY

The program is obviously well-attended, numbers of graduates is growing, and needed resources have kept pace with program expansion. The staff recommends that the program be granted full approval and that no further progress reports be required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from Southern University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in Safety and Hazardous Materials Technology. All stipulations have been met; the program is hereby granted full approval.